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Draft report

Addendum

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PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1992-1997

Programme 35. Promotion and protection of human rights

1. At its 16th and 17th meetings, on 19 and 20 May, the Committee considered the proposed revisions to programme 35 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (A/47/6 (Prog.35)).

Discussion

2. A number of delegations expressed support for the work of the Centre for Human Rights.

3. A number of delegations suggested the deletion from paragraph 35.19 of the reference to the bodies listed therein. Other delegations objected to that proposal.

Conclusions and recommendations

4. The Committee reaffirmed its previous recommendations on the strengthening of the programmes and activities of the Centre.

5. The Committee recommended the approval of the revisions to programme 35 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, with the following modifications:

(a) In paragraph 35.15, at the end of new subparagraph (vi), the words "after its entry into force" should be inserted;

(b) In paragraph 35.16, second line of the revision, the word "future" should be added before the word "Committee";

(c) [Paragraph 35.19: For further negotiation.]

(d) In paragraph 35.25, the word "after" should be replaced by the words "with the";

(e) In new paragraph 35.23, the words "the rights of members of minority groups" should be deleted and the words "persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities and" should be inserted after the words "regarding the rights of";

(f) In new paragraph 35.31, a reference to General Assembly resolution 46/203 and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1992/51 should be added;

(g) In new paragraph 35.32:

(i) In the fifth line, the words "which ensure the rule of law" should be inserted after the word "infrastructures";

(ii) In the third sentence, the words "The development of appropriate arrangements" should be replaced by the words "Assistance will be given to Member States to develop appropriate arrangements";

(iii) The fourth sentence should be replaced by the following "Governments should make all efforts to ensure that all provisions contained in human rights instruments are known by those responsible for their implementation as well as by those whose rights these instruments are intended to protect. Assistance will be provided to Governments upon request in that connection";

(h) In new paragraph 35.33, first line, the words "of the rule of law and in particular" should be inserted after the word "strengthening";

(i) In new paragraph 35.35, subparagraph (a), the words "international conventions and other" should be deleted and the following words should be added at the end of the sentence: "and to make additional efforts to promote ratification of international instruments on human rights";

(j) In new paragraph 35.36, the last two sentences of old paragraph 35.35 should be retained;

(k) In new paragraph 35.37, first sentence, the word "conventions" should be replaced by the word "instruments"; [Last sentence to be further negotiated];

(l) In new paragraph 35.42, a reference to General Assembly resolution 46/203 should be added;

(m) In new paragraph 35.45, the words "genuine elections" should be replaced by the words "participation and democratization, including periodic and genuine elections" and the words "and the international humanitarian order" should be deleted;

(n) In new paragraph 35.46, in the new sentence, the words "the rights of members of minority groups" should be replaced by the words "the rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities", and at the end of the third sentence, the words "as well as from the standard-setting projects regarding the rights of indigenous people and from the draft protocol to the Convention against Torture regarding visits to centres of detention" should be added;

(o) In the global strategy of programme 35, appropriate references to the follow-up measures to be taken as a result of the World Conference on Human Rights, to be held in 1993, should be included.